

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 24 to more particularly point out what Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments as the subject matter is present in a number of the other claims as originally filed. Claims 4, 5 and 28 have been canceled.

Allowable Claims

Claim 5, now canceled, was objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that the features of claims 4 and 5, now canceled, have been amended into independent claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 and all claims which depend on it are in condition for allowance.

Claim 28, now canceled, was objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that the features of claim 28, now canceled, have been amended into independent claim 24. Therefore, claim 24 and all claims which depend on it are in condition for allowance.

Claims 32, 35, and 36 were allowed over the prior art made of record.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention claimed in claims 1-3, 7, 8, 24-27, 29-32, 35 and 36 is patentable and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 24-27, 29-32, 35 and 36 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x3476.

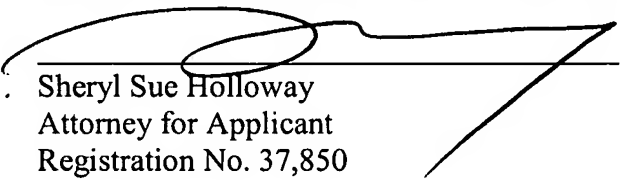
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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